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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Edwards, *et al.*

SERIAL NO.: 09/993,346

FILED: November 13, 2001

FOR: SEQUENCE-DIRECTED DNA-BINDING  
MOLECULES COMPOSITIONS AND  
METHODS

EXAMINER: Unknown

ART UNIT: Unknown

**Preliminary Amendment  
and Response to Notice to Comply**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced divisional patent application, please amend the application as follows. This amendment is in response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed on December 13, 2002.

**In the Specification:**

The following paragraph has been inserted at page i, after the title:

This application is a division of U.S. Application No. 09/354,947 filed July 15, 1999, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,384,208 on May 7, 2002; which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/482,080 filed June 7, 1995, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,010,849 on January 4, 2000; which is a division of U.S. Application No. 08/171,389 filed December 20, 1993, issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,578,444 on November 26, 1996; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No.